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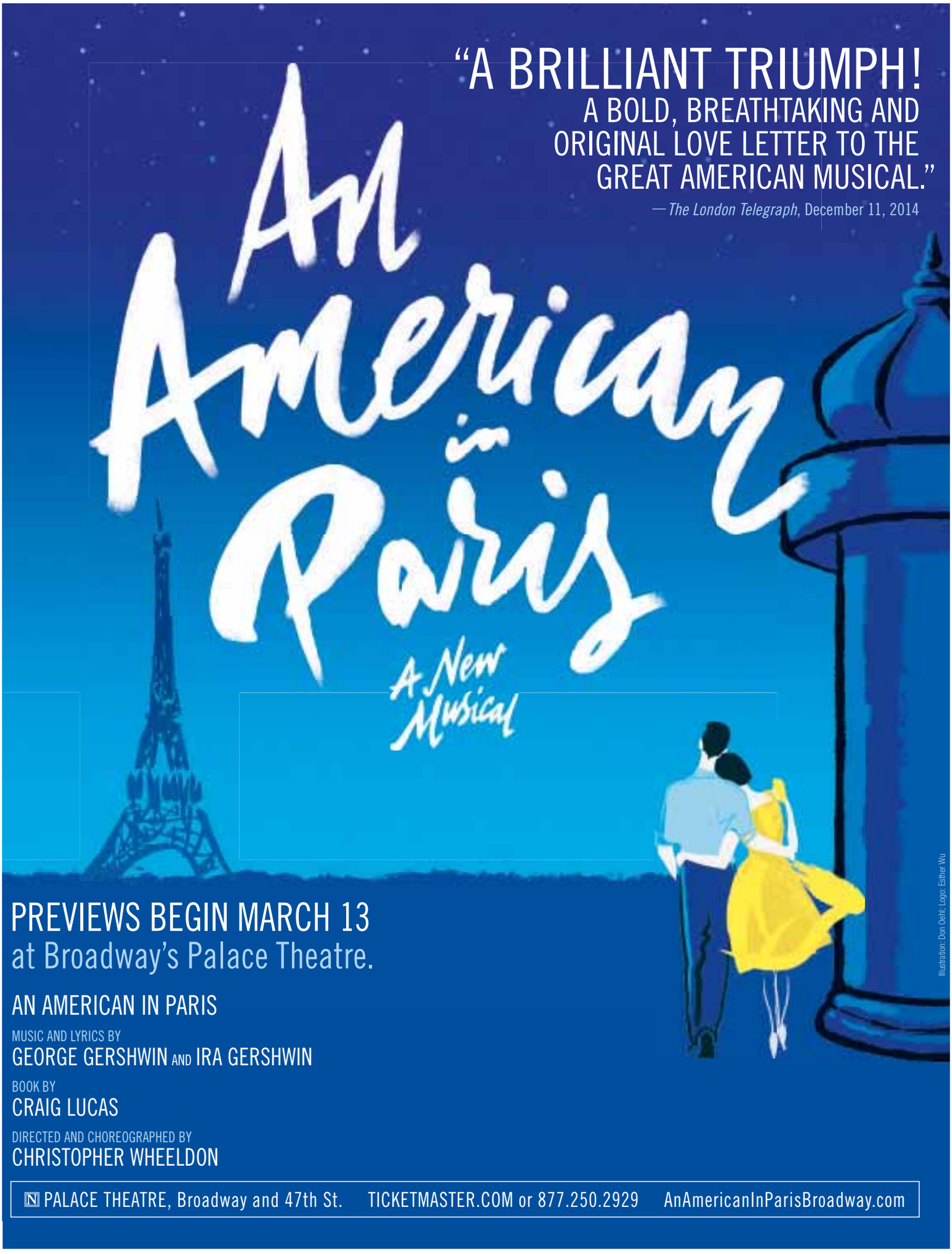
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Feds arrest three men in ISIS Brooklyn plot

Terrorism. Three men from Central Asia accused of plotting to join ISIS and possibly assassinate President Obama.

If they couldn't hijack a plane and wreak havoc in Syria and Iraq, three Brooklyn men accused by the feds of planning to join Islamic State terrorists would do it here.

Assassinate President Barack Obama. Kill a cop. Gun down federal agents.

Even join the military for the sole purposes of killing American soldiers. The head of the FBI had just revealed that the agency is investigating terrorism — everywhere — when the news broke: ISIS conspirators were here. In New York City.

"I have homegrown violent extremist investigations in every single state," he told America's top law men at the National Association of Attorneys General in the nation's capital Wednesday morning.

By then, a bust was already underway at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens. Akhror Saidakhmetov, 19, one of the three Brooklyn men scooped up, was taken into custody before boarding a plane to Istanbul.

He and 24-year-old Abdurasul Hasanovich Juraboev, who had a ticket to fly in March, were going to go to Turkey and then sneak into Syria where ISIS, or ISIL, has turned life upside down, a blockbuster federal indictment alleges. Abror Habibov, 30, was their money man.

The horrors from Syria emerge daily: On Tuesday, ISIS reportedly abducted at least 150 people from Assyrian Christian villages in northeastern Syria.

Saidakhmetov and Juraboev also had designs on hijacking a plane and bringing it to the leaders of the caliphate.

"The flow of foreign fighters to Syria represents an evolving threat to our country and to our allies," U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said in unveiling the attempt and conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists charges.

"This is one of the countless examples going on in this country and around the world of people getting sucked up in ISIS' recruitment propaganda," Stuart Gottlieb, a counterterrorism expert at Columbia University, told Metro. "This is by no means an isolated case."

Juraboev, who hails from Uzbekistan, put a target on Obama's back in postings on an Uzbek language website.

"What I'm saying is to shoot Obama and then get shot ourselves, will it do?" he posted on Aug. 9, 2014, under an alias. "That will strike fear in the heart of infidels."

Habibov was the money man and encourager, the feds say, and funded Saidakhmetov's plane ticket. Saidakhmetov worked for Habibov, who operates kiosks that sell cookware and cellphones in malls in Florida, Virginia and Pennsylvania, prosecutors said.

Juraboev and Saidakhmetov were arraigned in federal court in Brooklyn Wednesday — Habibov, remains in custody in Florida, where he was arrested.

Saidakhmetov's attorney, Adam Perlmutter, described his client as a "young, innocent kid" who would plead not guilty, according to the Associated Press. "This is the type of case that highlights everything that is wrong with how the Justice Department approaches these cases."

NYPD spokesman Stephen Davis said the city is not raising security alerts in the aftermath of the arrests.

At a news conference, NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton said the day's developments point to the need for Congress to fund the Department of Homeland Security. Republicans had threatened to hold funds in a dispute with Obama over his unilateral changes in immigration policy.

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Adam Perlmutter, the attorney for 19-year-old suspect Akhror Saidakhmetov, following the arraignment. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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Tapped conversation

The feds built their case using informants and listening devices. When discussing what he'd do if getting to Syria proved impossible, Saidakhmetov, who is from Kazakhstan originally, said in a recorded intercept: "I will just go out and buy a machine gun, AK-47, go out and shoot all police," the indictment says.

He allegedly told another: "We will go and purchase one handgun ... then go and shoot one police officer."

"Boom."

"Then, we will take his gun, bullets and a bulletproof vest ... then, we will do the same with a couple of others."

"Then we will go to the FBI headquarters, kill the FBI people."

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EMS response

911. Responses still too slow, some council members say.

After spending billions of dollars and being years behind schedule, the city's lagging ambulance response time still hasn't been fixed.

Stephen Cassidy, president of the Uniformed Firefighter Association, said during an oversight hearing that firefighters "should be going out the door quicker," but aren't because of the combined response system is slowing them down.

"Everybody in the New York City fire department knows the old system is better," Cassidy said.

Recent city budget talks haven't mentioned the end to end response time of 9 minutes and 30 seconds, said Council member Elizabeth Crowley.

"They're really a lot worse than they appear to be," she said.

Investigation Commissioner Mark Peters said former Mayor Mike Bloomberg's administration mismanaged the master plan to merge police, fire and EMS dispatching at two centralized locations.

He said Emergency Communications Transformation Program, started in 2004, employed sub-contractors who hit the city with 600 percent mark-ups. The DOI investigation found city officials sanitized documents and re-wrote progress reports to make it seem the program was doing better than it was. Spending of $211.4 million was spread across different agencies so it was hard to track.

The ambulance response time debate was rekindled after an Easter morning fire in the Rockaways last year killed two 4-year-old girls. EMS arrived 21 minutes after 911 was called. An investigation found the dispatching

An FDNY ambulance in traffic outside Woodhull Medical Center in Brooklyn.
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system broken

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The hearing came to an tense, early head.

"You have just accused me and my agency of hiding something," Peters told Crowley, who had said it appeared the DOI was withholding information. Peters told her to either tone down her rhetoric or submit evidence of his allegedly felonious withholding of information.

The emergency communications upgrade, due to be completed in 2007, is not expected to be finished until 2017. The program has cost $2 billion so far, well beyond the original $1.3 billion budgeted.

Last year, the FDNY responded to an all-time high of 1.3 million emergency calls, with an average response time of 6 minutes, 50 seconds. Response was slower in the South Bronx, Western Queens and Staten Island.

Quoted

"We want to make sure our communities are safe, and when people call 911, emergency responders are sent, and that's not happening." Crowley

Mayor Bill de Blasio has set aside $18 million to add new ambulance shifts and EMS dispatchers.

Peters said the city spent about $500 million fixing the system integration mistakes of the first contractors at the Bronx center, but wasn't sure if anyone was fired for the mess.

The city has since shifted responsibility to its own staff.

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Police brutality

Families of victims killed by cops want justice

Surviving family members of 18 New Yorkers killed by police want Gov. Andrew Cuomo to wield his executive power to help prosecute cops who use excessive deadly force.

The 20 mothers, fathers, siblings and close family members said they were disappointed in the lack of police accountability.

"We urge you to immediately enact an executive order to assign a special prosecutor to all cases of police killings moving forward," the letter to the governor said.

After a grand jury declined to indict the arresting officer who put Staten Island man Eric Garner in an alleged chokehold, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman offered to serve as a special prosecutor.

Local district attorneys blasted the idea but offered some backing to Cuomo's January plan to create an independent monitor with the power to recommend a special prosecutor whom Cuomo would appoint.

Loyda Colon, co-director of advocacy and reform group Justice Committee, told Metro the families want Cuomo to cut out the middleman.

Cuomo's office did not respond to a request for comment. Relatives of the police shooting victims say the governor must act.

"It's been almost three years since my sister was killed and we've heard nothing," said Natasha Duncan, sister of Shantel Davis, who was shot and killed in 2012 by an NYPD detective after a car chase in East Flatbush.

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Mo' money. Mayor de Blasio wants cash for MTA capital plan

Mayor Bill de Blasio called out Gov. Andrew Cuomo's budget for not fronting enough money to sustain public transit.

De Blasio testified in front of lawmakers in Albany that the state's commitment to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority has only declined over the last 14 years.

"The plan is now underfunded by more than $15.5 billion — and the governor's contribution of just $750 million does not begin to address the critical needs," de Blasio said. "We cannot ask riders alone to sustain the system with fare increases."

"They both could do better by the transit system," said Gene Russianoff, senior attorney for riders' advocacy group the Straphangers Campaign.

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De Blasio / GETTY IMAGES

Fare hike

Last month, the MTA board approved a fare hike that starts on March 22.

- Monthly unlimited MetroCards will increase by $4.50 to $116.50, while single-ride fares increase by a 25 cents to $2.75.
- Rider advocacy groups criticized the MTA for relying on fare hikes to make up for an ongoing budget shortfall.

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1 Cuba says fast track to restoring ties 'depends on US

Cuba would agree to restore diplomatic relations with the United States in time for the April Summit of the Americas if Washington quickly and convincingly removes the Caribbean country from a list of state sponsors of terrorism, a senior Cuban official said on Wednesday.

Diplomatic ties were severed in 1961, and negotiators for the two longtime adversaries will meet in Washington on Friday, following up on the first round of talks held in Havana last month.

If the two sides move fast enough, they could reopen embassies in each other's capitals in time for the April 10-11 Summit of the Americas in Panama, where U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro could meet for the first time since they agreed to restore ties and exchange prisoners on Dec. 17.

Quoted

"It depends on whether we are really taken off the list of terrorist countries." Gustavo Machin

It would be their first face-to-face-meeting since a handshake at Nelson Mandela's funeral in December 2013, when unbeknownst to most of the world the two countries were six months into secret talks aimed at ending hostilities.

A senior Cuban official on Wednesday said relations could be restored in time for the summit but put the onus on Washington to first remove Cuba from the terrorism list, which can apply sanctions to banks doing business with the designated countries.

"It depends on what the United States does. It does not depend on Cuba," Gustavo Machin, deputy director of U.S. affairs for the Cuban foreign ministry, told reporters on Wednesday. **REUTERS**

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4 China drops leading technology brands from state purchases

China has dropped some of the world's leading technology brands from its approved state purchase lists, while approving thousands more locally made products, in what some say is a response to revelations of widespread Western cybersurveillance.

Others put the shift down to a protectionist impulse to shield China's domestic technology industry from competition.

Chief casualty is U.S. network equipment maker Cisco Systems, which in 2012 counted 60 products on the Central Government Procurement Center's list, but by late 2014 had none, a Reuters analysis of official data shows.

Smartphone and computer maker Apple has also been dropped over the period, along with Intel Corp's security software firm McAfee and network and server software firm Citrix Systems. **REUTERS**

Apple products / GETTY IMAGES

things you need to know

2 Connecticut students in court after arrests linked to 'Molly' overdoses

Three students from Connecticut's Wesleyan University were released on bail on Wednesday and ordered to return to court next month on charges linked to an incident in which a dozen students were hospitalized for overdosing on the party drug MDMA.

Eric Lonegran, 21, of Brazil; Zachary Kramer, 21, of Bethesda, Maryland; and Rama Agha Al Nakib, 20, of Luthersville, Maryland, did not enter pleas during a Wednesday court appearance and Superior Court Judge Leo Diana ordered them to appear on March 3 at Superior Court in Middletown, Connecticut.

Andrew Olson, 20, of Atascadero, California, had been released on bail a day earlier.

All four, who were arrested Wednesday, have been suspended by the university as it reviews whether to expel them, school officials said.

"The university takes allegations of the distribution of drugs seriously and is cooperating with state and local officials," Wesleyan President Michael Roth said in a statement

Two of the 12 students treated for overdosing on the drug remained hospitalized, university officials said. One was listed in critical condition. REUTERS

Quoted

"We will do everything we can to make our community as safe as possible." Roth

3 Netanyahu accuses West of forsaking non-nuclear Iran pledge

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rebuffed criticism of his plans to address Congress, accusing world powers of forsaking a pledge to prevent Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons.

"I respect the White House and the President of the United States but on such a fateful matter, that can determine whether or not we survive, I must do everything to prevent such a great danger for Israel," Netanyahu said.

He said world powers had pledged to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons, adding "from the agreement coming together it appears they have given up on this commitment". REUTERS

5 GM cutting production at two North American car plants

General Motors Co is cutting production at two of its North American car plants as supplies of vehicles including the Chevrolet Sonic and Buick Regal rise, a person familiar with the company's plans said on Wednesday.

Automotive News, citing sources, initially reported GM's plans for its plants in Lake Orion, Michigan, and Oshawa, Ontario.

GM scheduled downtime for March 9-13 at its Orion plant outside Detroit, where the Sonic and Buick Verano cars are made, to adjust for lower demand, said the person, who asked not to be identified. The plant was also idle last week and previously had scheduled a down week April 6-10, Automotive News said.

The company's "flex" line at its Oshawa, Ontario plant will be idled April 13-17, cutting output of the Chevy Camaro sports car, Regal sedan, Cadillac XTS sedan and Chevy Impala, the source said.

A GM spokesman declined to discuss the company's production plans. REUTERS

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services extended enrollment for people who had tried to buy an insurance plan on or before Feb. 15 but were unable to because of customer lines at the call center or technical issues. Some 40,714 people picked a plan after enrollment closed on Feb. 15.

HealthCare.gov, created under the health care reform law often called Obamacare, sells plans in 37 states. / GETTY IMAGES

The U.S. agency said that 90,000 consumers who had coverage in 2014 were not able to hold onto that coverage in 2015 because they lacked citizenship or immigration status documents, down from a previous estimate of 200,000 people. It said the figure is included in the total of 8,838,291 million plan selections. REUTERS

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Savvy local turns snow into cash in Boston

A Ship Snow, Yo order is prepared for shipment. / SHIPSNOWYO.COM

Cold cash. People are ordering "historic Boston snow" from ShipSnowYo.com.

While you're cursing the latest round of snowfall, Kyle Waring sees cold cash outside.

His new business, Ship Snow, Yo, sells snow from his Manchester-by-the-Sea home, 30 miles north of Boston, and ships it anywhere in the U.S.

A light dusting Tuesday night pushed Boston's seasonal snow total up to 100.2 inches, making it second to the winter of 1995-1996, which saw 107.6 inches.

The "historic Boston snow," as Waring calls it, is selling like hotcakes at $20 for a 16.9-ounce water bottle. His new product — a shipment of 6 pounds of snow — runs $90 a pop.

And people are actually buying it.

"It started as a joke, and it sort of evolved," said Waring, a product manager at GSN Games in Boston, who has a background in Web development.

Waring launched ShipSnowYo.com after Winter Storm Juno in January, when the Boston region got roughly two feet of snow– an ominous a foreshadowing of the treacherous months to follow.

The idea came to Waring as he and his wife were shoveling their property.

"During the first big storm we were like, 'This is ridiculous. We need to get rid of this. We should just ship it somewhere,'" said Waring's wife, Jessica, 27.

Within no time, orders started coming in from California and Florida. As of Wednesday, the company had shipped more than 100 orders.

"Once [Kyle] gets an idea in his head he just runs with it. He came up with a website and a business plan and somehow made it happen," Jessica said.

"We are just having so much fun with it."

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"Thanks Juno, Marcus & Neptune. We're drowning in 5-feet of snow. ... We desperately need your help getting this snow out of our city!" ShipSnowYo.com

Software. Apple to pay $533 million for patent infringement

Apple asked the jury to find Smartflash's patents invalid because previously patented inventions covered the same technology. / GETTY IMAGES

Apple has been ordered to pay $532.9 million after a federal jury in Texas found that its iTunes software infringed three patents owned by patent licensing firm Smartflash.

Though Smartflash had been asking for $852 million in damages, Tuesday night's verdict was still a blow to Apple.

The jury, which deliberated for eight hours, determined Apple had not only used Smartflash's patents without permission, but did so willfully.

Apple, which said it would appeal, said the outcome was another reason reform was needed in the patent system to curb litigation by companies that don't make products themselves.

Smartflash sued Apple in May 2013, alleging its iTunes software infringed its patents related to accessing and storing downloaded songs, videos and games.

"Smartflash is very happy with the jury's verdict, which recognizes Apple's longstanding willful infringement," Brad Caldwell, a lawyer for Smartflash, said in an email.

The trial was held in Tyler, Texas, which over the past decade has become a focus for patent litigation.

Smartflash's registered office is also in Tyler.

It was also in Tyler federal court that a jury in 2012 ordered Apple to pay $368 million to VirnetX Inc for patent infringement. A federal appeals court later threw out that damages figure, saying it was wrongly calculated.

Apple tried to avoid a trial by having the lawsuit thrown out. But U.S. District Judge Rodney Gilstrap, who presided over the case, ruled earlier this month that Smartflash's technology was not too basic to deserve the patents.

Smartflash's suit said that around 2000, the co-inventor of its patents, Patrick Racz, had met with executives of what is now European SIM card maker Gemalto SA, including Augustin Farrugia, who is now a senior director at Apple.

Smartflash has also filed patent infringement lawsuits against Samsung Electronics Co Ltd, HTC Corp and Google Inc.

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"We refused to pay off this company for the ideas our employees spent years innovating, and unfortunately we have been left with no choice but to take this fight up through the court system."

Apple said in a statement

Work effort

Google expands push into workplace with Android

Google Inc launched an initiative on Wednesday to make smartphones running its Android software more appealing to corporations, a bold move that could help extend the Internet company's reach into workplaces.

Google said on its official blog that its Android for Work program will provide improved security and management features for corporations that want to give their employees Android smartphones. Smartphones supported by the new initiative will be able to keep an employee's work and personal apps separate, and a special Android for Work app will allow businesses to oversee key tools such as email, calendar and contacts.

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Google said it is partnering with more than two dozen companies including Blackberry Ltd, Citrix Systems Inc, Box Inc.

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Twitter feed

Today, Harry Styles is making his own commandments, Liam Payne is reeling, Niall Horan is experiencing technical difficulties, Louis Tomlinson is having copyright issues and Zayn Malik has some ideas for improving Twitter.

@Harry_Styles: Thou shalt have a fishy, when the boat comes in.

@Real_Liam_Payne: Baby look what you've done to me

@NiallOfficial: I didn't delete that tweet, that was weird

@Louis_Tomlinson: Soooooo need a new profile picture cos the owner of the last photo was crying ! Ha

@zaynmalik: Has Twitter heard of a delete all button?

1 Lindsay Lohan's liberal definition of community service

So remember when Lindsay Lohan's lawyer rushed in proof that she had completed her probation-mandated community service hours while in London? Yeah, about that. As it turns out, Lohan got a little, let's say, creative with what constitutes community service. According to TMZ, her community service included performing in the West End in "Speed-the-Plow," meeting fans afterward and letting kids follow her around. What a mensch. "On one day Lindsay got six hours credit," prosecutor Terry White complains. "Two of the hours were for her matinee performance and another two were for her evening performance. The remaining two were for a meet-and-greet afterward." Looks like her selfless giving could land her a probation violation.

Lohan does community service while on stage in "Speed-the-Plow."
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2 Baseless speculation about Ben Affleck's secret Oscars message to Jennifer Lopez

Apparently something we all missed at the Oscars was a run-in between exes Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, both on hand to present awards. During a commercial break, Affleck apparently whispered something in Lopez's ear, earning him a playful sock in the arm from his "Gigli" co-star. And as with Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson in "Lost in Translation," we're burning with curiosity as to what he said. Since there's no way to really know, how about some baseless speculation? By all means …

"I've seen 'Boy Next Door' 17 times."

"Once you go Affleck, you never go back-fleck."

Maybe they were reminiscing about that time they were at the Oscars together in 2003.

"Sometimes I accidentally call my wife by your name."

"We still use 'Gigli' as our safe word."

3 Mr. Grey will no longer see you now

"Fifty Shades of Grey" is still busy making all of the money, but apparently no amount of success is enough to please star Jamie Dornan, who is reportedly mulling an early exit from the franchise before they can get to adapting the second and third book, according to Australia's NW magazine. Dornan is said to be wrestling with an intense distaste for all things "Grey" and isn't eager to shave off all his facial and chest hair once again and make with the flogging Dakota Johnson, according to an anonymous source. "Jamie does not think his performance was bad. Instead he blames Dakota and says it wasn't possible to have chemistry with her," the source insists. "He says Dakota gave him nothing to work with." So I guess his solution is to return the favor?

"HEY, DAKOTA … LET'S NEVER DO THIS AGAIN, THANKS."

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Conan O'Brien joins Grindr

Never let it be said Conan O'Brien doesn't suffer for his fans' enjoyment — or just for the sake of academic research. After successfully navigating Tinder with coach Dave Franco, O'Brien now turns to the gay side with Grindr, the "socializing" app favored by men seeking men. Along for the ride to help him out is comedian Billy Eichner, who also has some strong feelings about the legacy of past "American Idol" contestants. Enjoy as O'Brien tries out life as a ginger sugar daddy.

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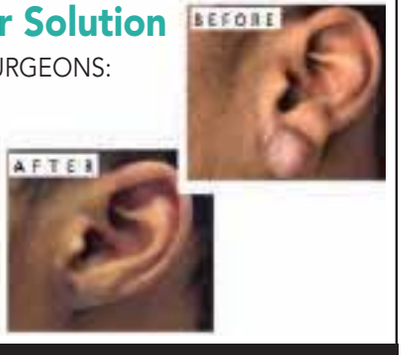

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Love in the time of the Underwoods

Interview. Two "House of Cards" insiders talk romance and trust issues.

Netflix's "House of Cards" returns for its third season on Feb. 27.
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"House of Cards," Netflix's "Macbeth"-esque look at the extremes to which Frank Underwood and his wife, Claire, go to achieve power, is not known for its love stories. But that's just what Mahershala Ali's lobbyist Remy Danton and Molly Parker's congresswoman Jackie Sharp find themselves in. We talked to them both about why their characters are willing to take risks for love in a power-mad world.

On their connection

Mahershala Ali: Remy has a lot of respect for Jackie. Sometimes you just can't explain chemistry either. They hit it off in a way that kind of goes beyond words. He's just drawn to her. She's an attractive woman who wields a certain degree of power. The circles Remy finds himself in, it's been difficult for him to find a partner. Someone who he can really have a conversation with on that level who he finds attractive, who challenges him.

Molly Parker: I think that Jackie and Remy have a very pure, hot, physical connection. ... Here's this man who is very much like her in many ways. He has a lot of the same qualities in terms of his intelligence and his ambitions and his willingness to sacrifice his life for power and money, and yet they have this incredibly deep pull toward one another.

On working together

Ali: I really just love working with Molly. And any way that I can get that, I'm really appreciative. I think [writer] Beau Willimon does a wonderful job as far as challenging us as actors, and when we sit down and we're kind of co-creating and collaborating, Molly and I get to really comb through it and try to get to the essence of the relationship.

Parker: They're great scenes. Mahershala is one of the most loving human beings I've ever met, and we have such a great time with that relationship, just as actors, just exploring all of the hidden dynamics of that relationship.

On what they'll sacrifice to stay together

Ali: Any time you love someone, you're willing to put yourself out there and take risks for that person. And I think we'll learn more about that this season, but Jackie just holds a special place in his heart.

Parker: At the beginning of the season, we find her in a place where she needs to find a way back to the seat of power, and the way in which she does that has tremendous consequences for her personal life.

MOLLY PARKER AND MAHERSHALA ALI
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Life in the Beltway

On their changed circumstances this season:

Ali: It's kind of the best place Remy could land considering how things ended up at the end of last season. It's similar to what he was doing before, but I think the task and the responsibility is so much bigger being chief of staff as compared to working with Frank when he was a congressman.

Parker: Their party has lost their majority and because of that, Jackie's role in the leadership has diminished. She's retained her seat, but she's not the majority whip anymore because these Democrats have lost the majority. Although she has sacrificed her own principles for the Underwoods, she now feels that she hasn't been properly compensated.

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PATRICIA ARQUETTE WON THE OSCARS

Patricia Arquette won her Oscar for the film "Boyhood." / GETTY IMAGES

Forget Best Picture, Lady Gaga or Neil Patrick Harris and his endless magic box gag. What everyone was talking about after this Sunday's Academy Awards was Patricia Arquette's acceptance speech for her Best Supporting Actress Oscar for "Boyhood."

She said, "To every woman who gave birth to every taxpayer and citizen of this nation, we have fought for everybody else's equal rights. It's our time to have wage equality once and for all, and equal rights for women in the United States of America."

Sing it, sister! (I actually yelled that out loud in my den. Totally freaked out the cats.) Of course, as soon as the broadcast was done, people started bitching about the fact that, once again, an actor is using this platform to discuss politics. There is a long history of this. Heck, it happened four times in this broadcast alone. The thing is, she's right. Equal pay for equal work — is there really a logical way to argue against that?

It totally makes sense to present this to a group of Hollywood elite and the public at large. Women make 82.5 cents on the dollar in this country. They make 85 cents on the dollar in Hollywood. Even worse, according to Dr. Stacy Smith at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, there is one female speaking character for every three men in films rated G, PG and PG-13. In crowd scenes (for the same films) women make up only 17 percent.

I've rarely been in a crowd that was this skewed toward men — not even Comic-Con, which has more and more women attending each year. (The only drawback is that I now have to wait in line for the bathroom. In costume.) Women make up to 51 percent of the population. We're not a "niche" audience. We outnumber you!

We deserve equal pay for equal work. We deserve to see ourselves represented on film in a realistic way. However, no one is just going to give it to us. We have to shout about it, write about it, post about it, and preach it from the Oscar stage.

Patricia Arquette, fight on! Hey, you certainly impressed Meryl Streep!

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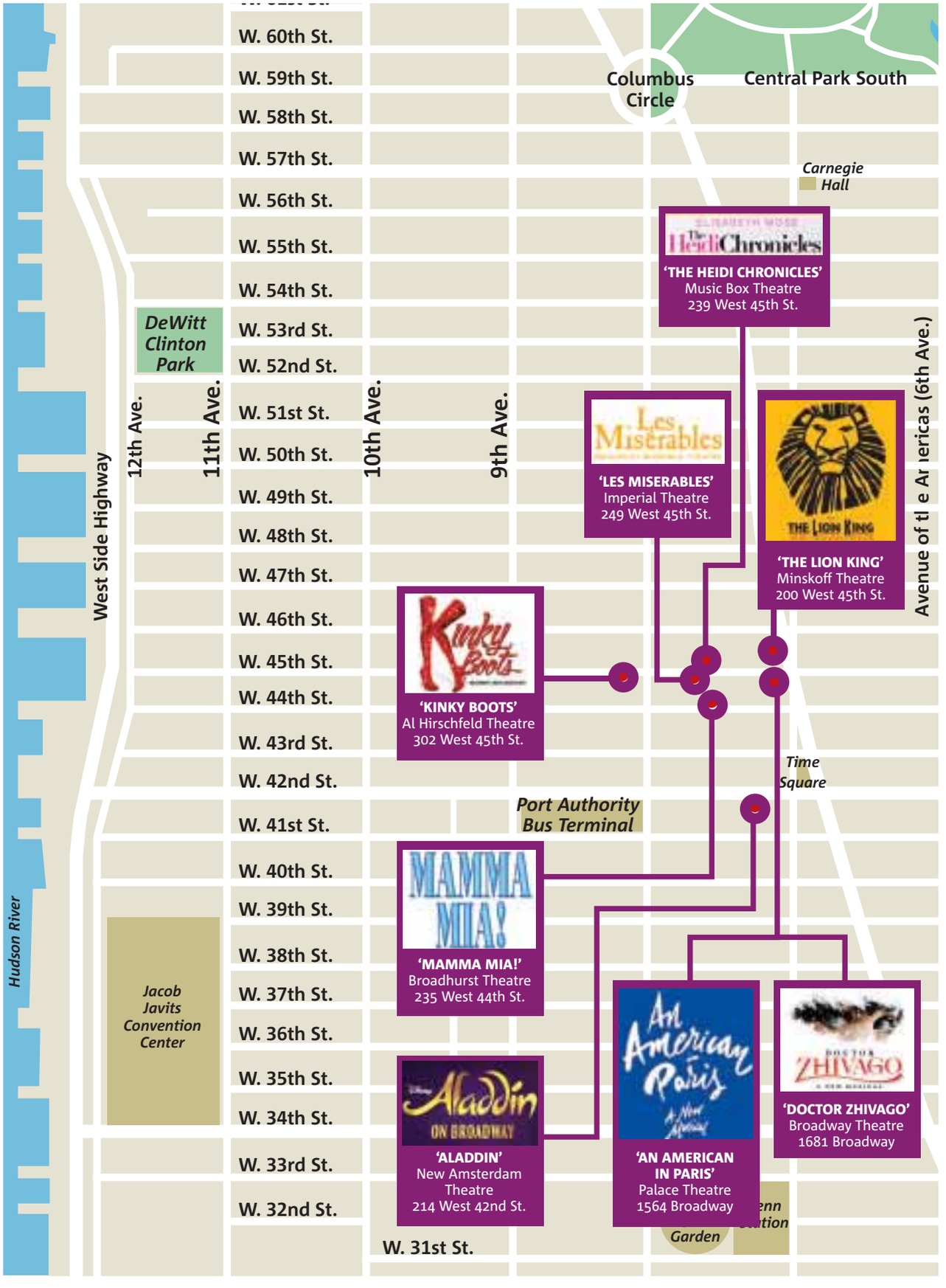

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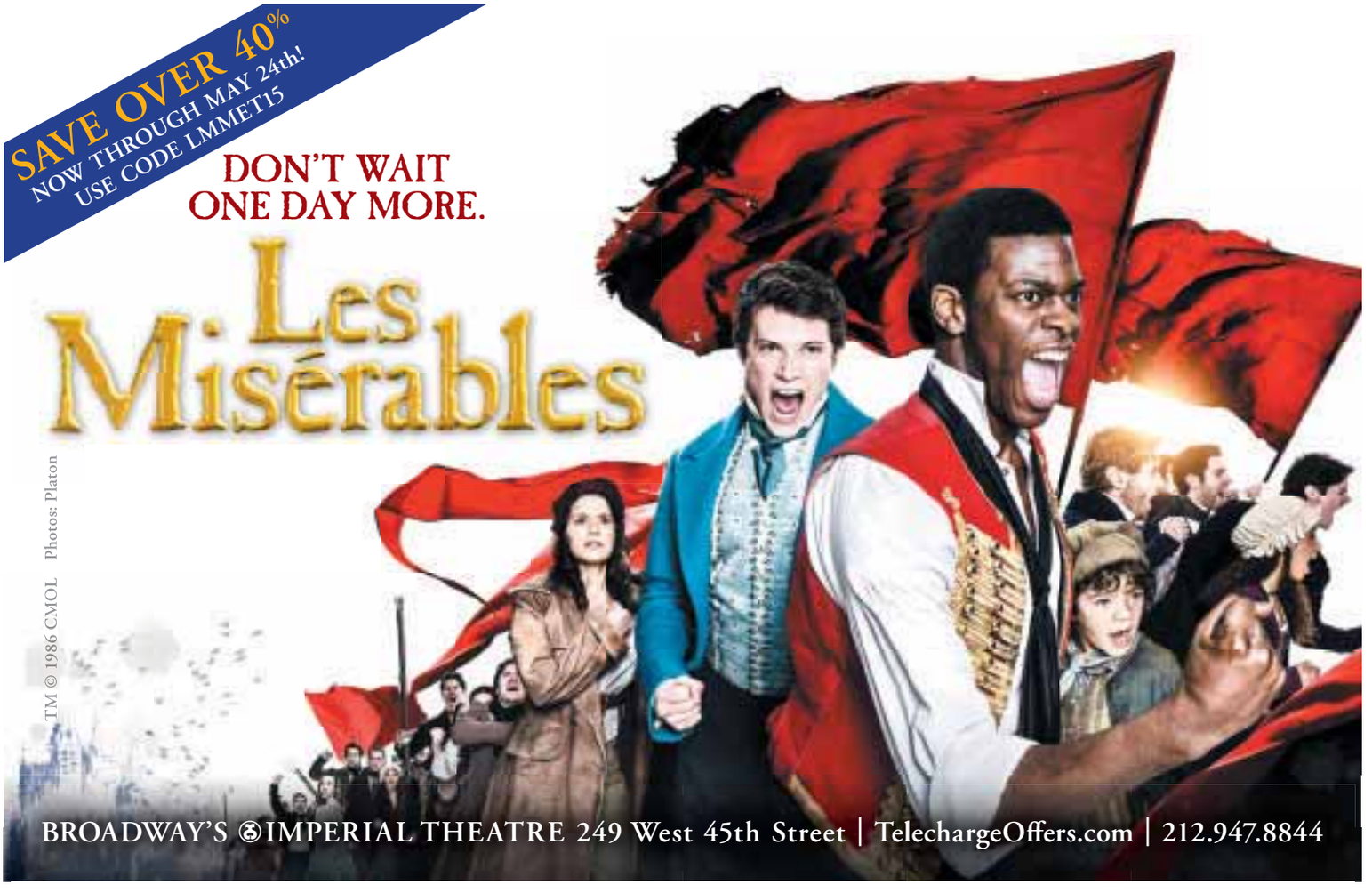
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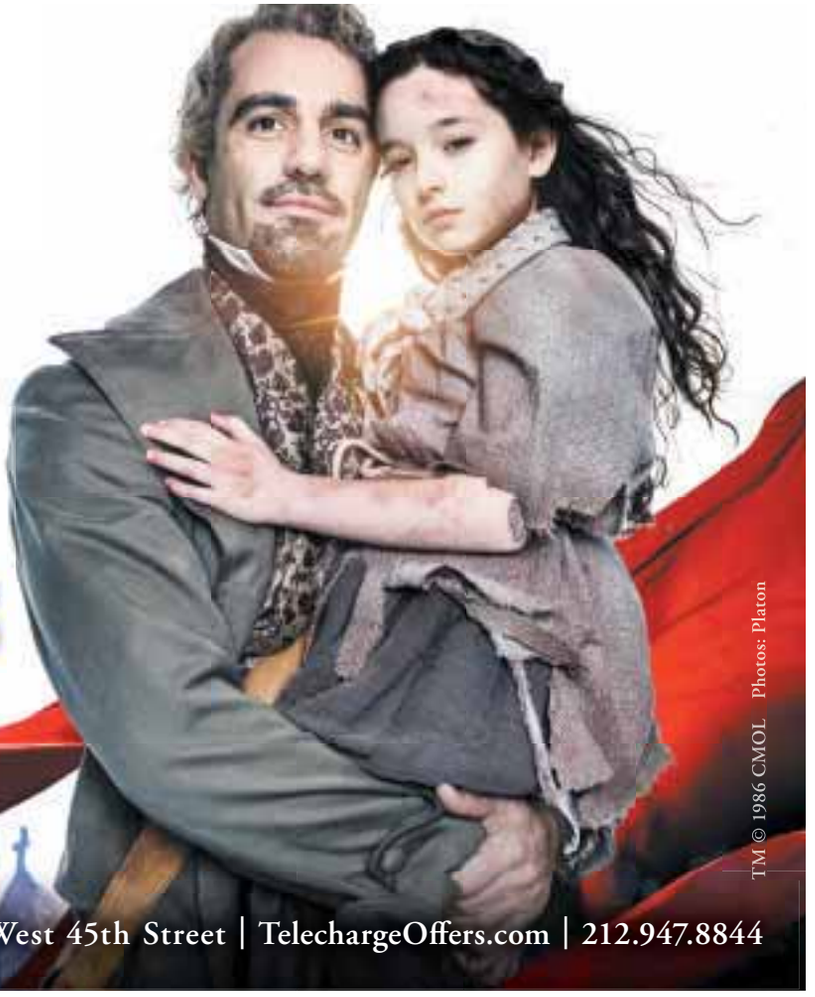

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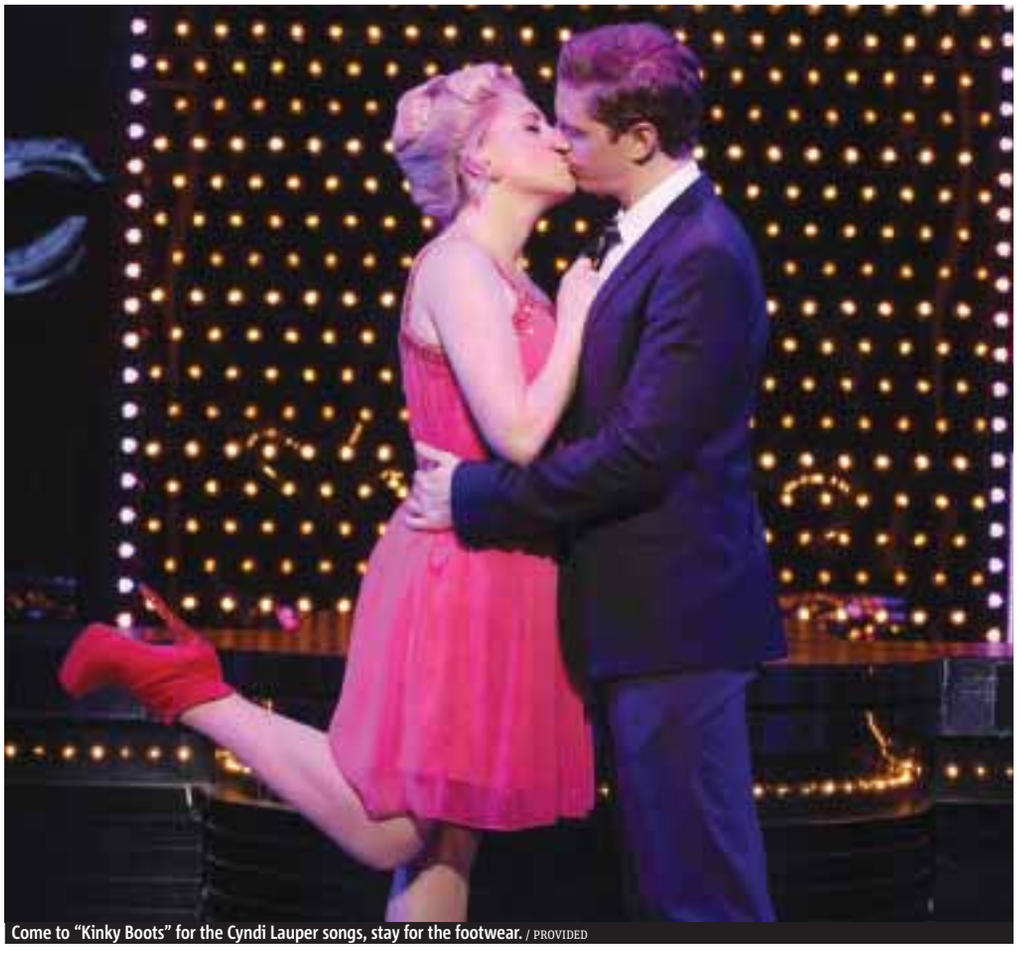

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After a stint away, one of the biggest musicals ever returns.

Les Miserables" has returned to Broadway's Imperial Theater in a thrilling new production that has audiences leaping to their feet. Set against the backdrop of 19th-century France, "Les Miserables" is an unforgettable story of heartbreak, passion and the resilience of the human spirit that has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history.

The drama, the spectacle and such beloved songs as "I Dreamed a Dream," "Bring Him Home," "One Day More" and "On My Own," combine to make this a "Les Miz for the 21st Century!" (The Huffington Post). The amazing cast of "Les Miserables" is led by Tony Award nominee Ramin Karimloo in a stunning Broadway debut performance which Entertainment Weekly called "a revelation" and "the best Jean Valjean ever."

Written by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg and produced by Cameron Mackintosh, "Les Miserables" has been seen by nearly 70 million people worldwide in 42 countries and in 23 languages, and is undisputedly one of the world's most popular musicals, with new productions continually opening around the globe. And now, "Les Miserables" is back on Broadway, better than ever.

Here's one of the happier moments in "Les Miserables." / MICHAEL LE POER TRENCH

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Harpy eagles, whale watching and baby turtles in Panama's national parks

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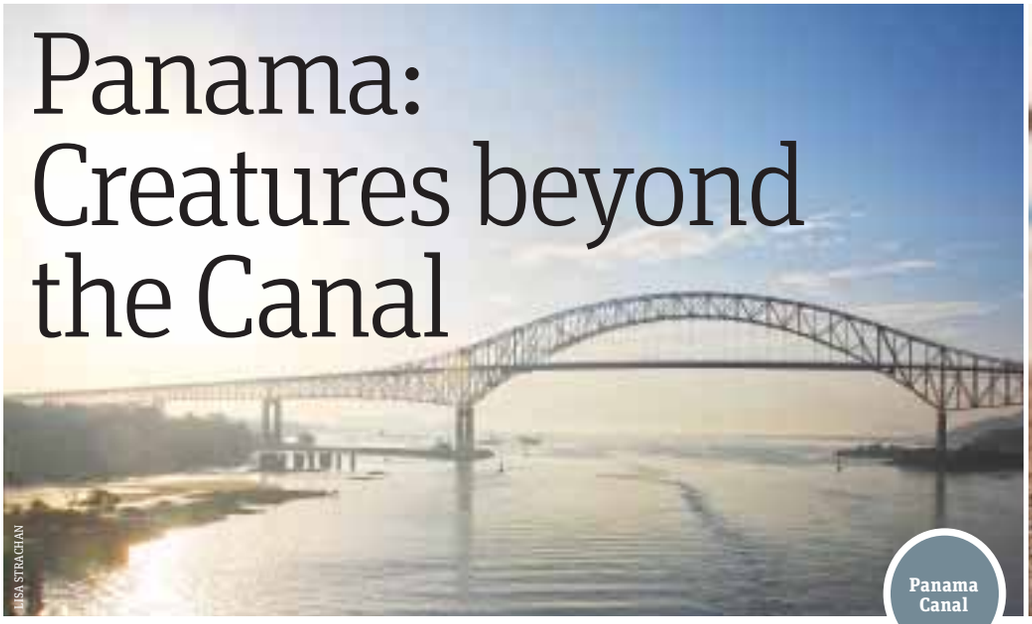
Panama: Creatures beyond the Canal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Sea turtle

The Panama Canal celebrated its 100th anniversary last year, but that's not the only thing to see in this small Central American country.

When you have a unique selling point, like Panama has with its canal, it can be a blessing and a curse. Visitors come to see the canal but the rest of the country's attractions can be overlooked. It's like word association: Panama? Canal!

But that's changing, with travelers discovering this destination in increasing numbers. One of the things visitors are finding is that, like its immediate neighbor Costa Rica, Panama has wildlife in abundance. As an indication of how varied and bountiful the wildlife is: Panama has more species of birds than the U.S. and Canada combined — in a country that's smaller than South Carolina.

Panama's national bird is the harpy eagle. It weighs up to 20 pounds and has a wingspan that can go over seven feet, making it the largest and most powerful bird of prey in the Americas. It's strong enough to carry off howler monkeys, and is not afraid to attack creatures like sloths and anteaters. The harpy eagle is almost extinct in Central America, but it survives in parts of Panama.

As well as colossal birds, Panama is good for watching colossal sea creatures too. From June to November, humpback and sperm whales migrate along the Pacific coast, and are usually easy to see on whale-watching cruises. You should manage to get good views of dolphins too, from about July to October, with separate dolphin cruises also available.

A little more elusive, but also a big draw along the coast, is that relic of the dinosaur era: the sea turtle. Of the seven species that exist, you'll find five of them in Panama.

In September and October, thousands of female turtles come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand, and from then until December you can book trips to watch the turtles come ashore or to see the hatchlings emerge from their nests and flap their way to the sea. Panama is one of the few places in the world where you can observe this natural spectacle, definitely making the country one for the bucket list for the wildlife enthusiast.

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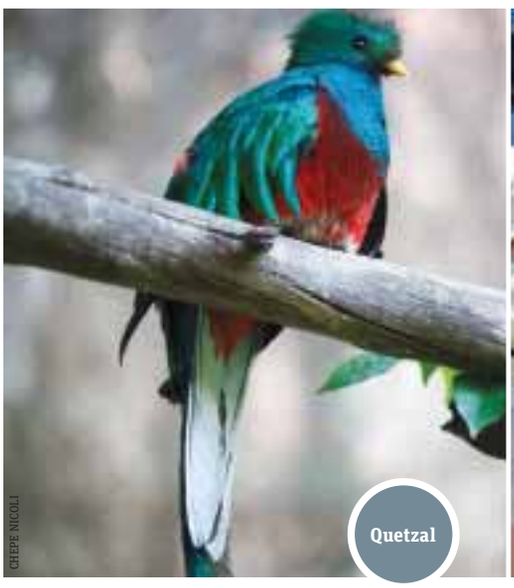
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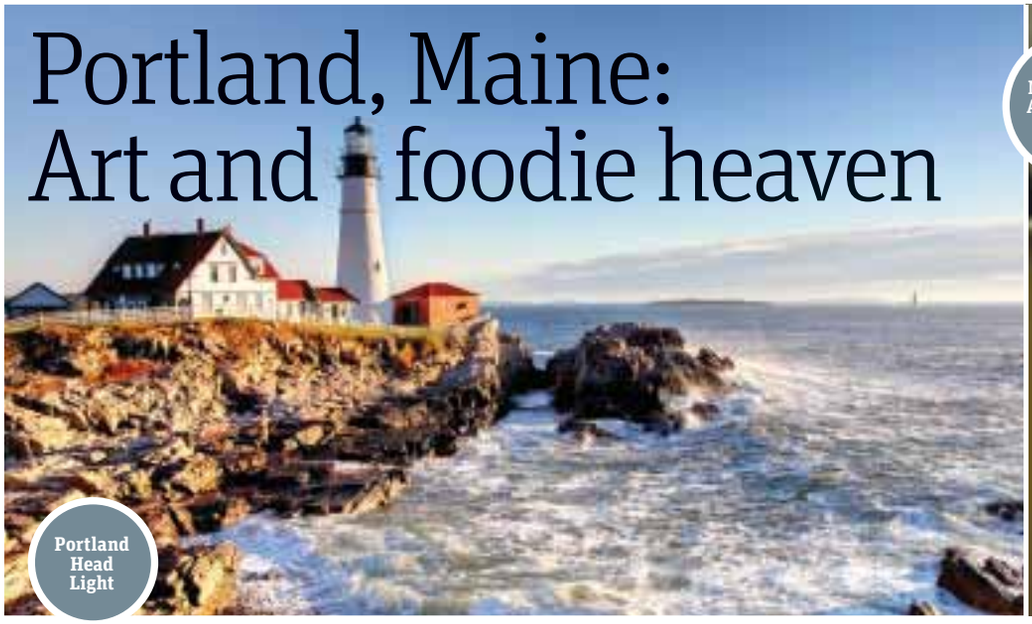
Whale watching

Best wildlife experiences

- Visit the Parque Nacional Darien to have the best chance of seeing a harpy eagle.
- Go to the Parque Nacional Volcan Baru or the Parque Internacional La Amistad to see the spectacularly colorful bird, the quetzal.
- Watching sea turtles spawning and hatching on the beaches at La Marinera and Cane Island on the Azuero Peninsula.
- Whale watching cruises all along the Pacific coast, including from the capital, Panama City.

Portland, Maine: Art and foodie heaven


Portland Head Light

Museum of African Art & Culture

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART & CULTURE

Popular with professionals and entrepreneurs eager to escape East Coast metroplexes, Portland is a lively, sophisticated city with both historical and contemporary vibes.

A compact city enjoying the rugged beauty of Maine's Atlantic coast, Portland revels in providing all the attractions of its larger cousins to the south, but in a more relaxed, approachable and affordable setting.

The Old Port district was once the heart of this seafaring town. While nautical activity still defines much of Portland, this once-derelict neighborhood is now the trendy hub of the city. Most of its shops, restaurants, bakeries and specialty stores are independently owned.

The arts are also well represented. On the monthly First Friday Art Walk, galleries stay open late to host artist receptions and special events. The compact but thorough Portland Museum of Art displays American paintings, sculpture and media from Colonial times through the mid-20th century. It's known for its exhibitions of postwar and contemporary art, and is the only museum in northern New England with a significant European collection. Check the schedule for lectures and screenings of indie films.

The Museum of African Art & Culture is the only gallery in New England presenting the art, culture and traditions of Sub-Saharan Africa. The permanent collection features work from African-American artists living in Maine and other artists inspired by the African Diaspora. A separate gallery explains iconic traditional spirit masks.

For families, the Portland Children's Museum is a must. It's all about imagination and learning through play in age-specific areas. There's a kids' "circus" where they can try juggling, dress up like clowns and swing on a trapeze. The outdoor adventure area has trails and activities even in winter.

Portland is foodie heaven, boasting more restaurants per capita than San Francisco. Every cuisine and style is there and innovation is easy to find — as are celebrity chefs and up-and-coming ones too. The microbrew scene is equally lively. Check out www.portlandfoodmap.com, an amazingly comprehensive interactive map searchable by cuisine, location and reviews, with links to restaurant websites.

Portland has more restaurants per capita than San Francisco.

Outdoor lovers can enjoy cross-country skiing along the oceanfront, ice skating on Sebago Lake and sledding in the city's parks. For more information, visit www.portlandmaine.com.

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Don't miss

- Eat a whoopie pie, the official state treat of Maine.
- Food and brew tours, from a few hours to all-day trips. Try Maine Foodie Tours (www.mainefoodietours.com) or Maine Beer Tours (www.mainebeertours.com).
- Portland Head Light, the most photographed lighthouse in Maine.
- Harbor Fish Market, a waterfront landmark. They'll pack and ship lobster and fish to your door.
- Freeport, Maine: 20 minutes north of the city and home to L.L. Bean.

The Old Port District

Harbor Fish Market

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What your online dating profile says about you

Dating. It's a jungle out there — make your profile stand out.

While it's painful at first, taking a hard look at what you put on your profile will help you in the end. / ISTOCK

Is your online dating profile up to snuff? With so many people using Match, OkCupid and other dating sites, it's hard to know how to stand out. Daters can ask their friends for advice, but who better to ask than strangers who won't feel the need to cushion the blow? Ignite Your Match lets users get detailed critiques from 10 men or women in the selected age range (the service costs $29). The service is kind of like a focus group, but for your dating profile.

Metro web producer Matt Lee graciously agreed to use Ignite Your Match for his own dating profile, and he was shocked by how honest the comments were.

"I did not expect some of the criticism to be so harsh, and borderline rude," says Lee. "One critic told me I looked awkward and that I should just use a faceless picture for my profile. Thanks a lot, buddy! There were, however, some nice critics who gave some actual constructive advice that I could use to better my profile."

What didn't the critics like about Lee's profile? Several mentioned that a photo of him with a red Solo cup made him look like a heavy drinker and partier — a turn-off. "Red solo cups are a no," wrote one man.

Lee says of the comments, "Overall, I would say that this was worth it because it really provided the raw unfiltered thoughts from strangers who peruse a profile, and even if they're mean and hurtful, it's interesting to know that they exist."

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Our reporter shares his profile. / PROVIDED

Avoid this

Stuart Brent, founder of Ignite Your Match, says he sees a lot of the same comments over and over again about the mistakes people make in their online dating profiles. These are the most common turn-offs he sees in the feedback notes:

Male profiles:

- Grammar
- The user not looking authentic or too good to be true
- Not having a balanced life,
- Self-deprecation
- Pretentiousness

Female profiles:

- The user seeming too good to be true
- Seeming desperate
- Negativity
- Arrogance

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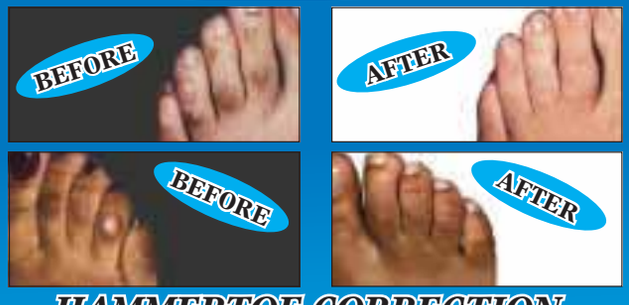

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Apps. SCRUFF helps gay men who are looking for something serious.

Log on to one of the many gay-dating apps available and you'll see an ocean of torsos and biceps. It's no surprise that these apps have developed a reputation for being just for sex.

SCRUFF is launching a new feature called "SCRUFF Match" to connect men who are looking for relationships.

"We did a survey of our members late last year and found that two-thirds of them used SCRUFF for dates or for chat," the company's CEO Eric Silverberg says. "We've been hearing from our members who are really looking for dates or relationships that they wanted an easier way."

A popular gay app says it wants to make finding lasting love easier. / ISTOCK

With the new feature, users will be able to go through a series of cards featuring men who specifically state they are looking for a relationship.

MATTHEW LEE

Going steady

A more serious search

And for those men who may feel disillusioned by gay dating apps? "I think SCRUFF Match, by creating a space for guys specifically who are looking for dates or relationships, is going to provide a different enough experience that will be able to reach a lot of those people...who maybe didn't find the kind of community they were looking for."

FOR ADULTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

JANUVIA works by enhancing your body's own ability to lower blood sugar.

- **JANUVIA is a prescription pill you take once a day.**
- **JANUVIA, along with diet and exercise, helps lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.**
- **JANUVIA, by itself, is not likely to cause blood sugar going too low (hypoglycemia), because it works less when blood sugar is low.**
- **JANUVIA, by itself, is not likely to cause weight gain.**

JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA

Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Pay as little as $5 per prescription.*

Visit Januvia.com/savings

*Maximum savings are limited. Not valid for patients who are uninsured or patients with Medicare or other Government Program insurance. Other eligibility restrictions and Terms and Conditions apply.

JANUVIA is the most prescribed branded[a] type 2 diabetes pill.[b]

[a]Excludes generics.
[b]Source: IMS Health, NPA™ Monthly, TRx, Nov 2013–Oct 2014.

Talk to your doctor about JANUVIA today.

Please read the Medication Guide on the adjacent page for more detailed information.

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Medication Guide
JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

  Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:
  - rash
  - raised red patches on your skin (hives)
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

  Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia)**. If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
  - drowsiness
  - weakness
  - dizziness
  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems**, sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in JANUVIA?

Active ingredient: sitagliptin

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What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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Queens claims a piece of the foodie realm

The Turkish-influenced Mundo has quiet corners for the philosophers and entertainment downstairs for the revelers. / ENGIN BERI

Grab a table.
Long Island City foodies no longer need to hop across the East River.

A three-year tide of openings has bolstered Long Island City's restaurant and bar scene with favorites like recently Michelin-starred Casa Enrique, the farm-to-table Crescent Grill, Woodbines — sister bar and casual eatery to Williamsburg's Kent Ale House — and Court Square's Dutch Kills Centraal. They joined LIC's bedrock of mom-and-pop restaurants, cafés and bars that have stood the test of time through good cooking and unique atmosphere: Manducatis, Tournesol, Manetta's, Water's Edge, Sweetleaf, LIC Bar. The list is long, and you can bet we've missed someone's favorite.

Last year, the Queens neighborhood added Hibino, a Japanese restaurant that makes its own tofu and specializes in obanzai (Kyoto small plates); Jora, which brings traditional Peruvian cuisine and noted pisco sours; the much-anticipated Mu Ramen, the new home of chef Joshua Smookler (Per Se) and his wife Heidy's former pop-up noodle bar; Station LIC, a subway station-themed casual American bar and restaurant; and Il Falco, a classic Italian trattoria led by chef Segundo Tinishanay, who cooked for presidents Obama and Clinton at Il Mulino.

The final opening of the year was BLVD, a smart wine bar by the East River, steps from the Pepsi-Cola sign. "We really are getting spoiled for choice for great places to eat," says co-owner Rob Bralow. "The growth in this area is amazing. The neighborhood is becoming a combination of young executives and marketing types who work in Manhattan, but who don't want to be in the city all the time."

Just off Northern Boulevard, Mundo's opening in November marked the return of a much-loved neighborhood name. The original Queens location closed in 2012 after seven years because the owners took a break. When it came time to reopen, they didn't consider any other neighborhood and moved into the newly opened Paper Factory Hotel.

"I've lived here since 1998, and the neighborhood is only growing," says managing partner Guillermo Lucerofabbi. "But, also, our clientele stretches from Brooklyn to the Upper East Side because it's easier to get here than Downtown."

Mundo is a chic, sexy spot on two levels: Upstairs, the restaurant and bar serves inspired cocktails and Turkish-influenced small plates. Downstairs, there's entertainment.

"We want to create that old-fashioned style dinner and cabaret," says Lucerofabbi. "A lot of our customers were musicians and would say, 'We live here, we eat here, why do we have to go to Brooklyn to earn a living?'"

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Wine bar

BLVD

The chicly sparse BLVD has a long bar for the after-work crowd, but also couches and cozy seating areas for unwinding. When the patio opens for spring, it'll offer views of Gantry State Park and the river. The initial menu of charcuterie, Murray's cheeses and Mediterranean-style dips, including the spicy vegan Punchy Piquillo, will expand to include flatbreads and desserts. Wines start at a very convivial $6 a glass; microbrews are $4.50. Among a large range of new and old world wines are funky European biodynamic ones, which are tended and harvested by the cycles of the moon. **4720 Center Blvd., www.blvdlic.com**

Unwind from the day at BLVD's long bar. / PROVIDED

Nightlife

ENGIN BERI

Mundo

There's a sexy magic to this dinner-only spot, with low lights glinting off the kaleidoscopic fixtures and bottles. But there's also a pillar studded with classic books; the atmosphere is that heady mix of possibility and knowledge that permeates Istanbul. Downstairs, the restaurant gives way to a club that features live Latin music, playing anything from bossa nova to flamenco on various nights. The small-plates-focused menu has strong Turkish and Middle Eastern influences. The can't-miss dish is Red Sonja (red lentil and bulgur pate), the house specialty appetizer; Ottoman dumplings are made with beef or spinach, accompanied by a tzatziki-like minty yogurt sauce, but with the addition of garlic and sumac. Among the Latin-with-a-twist cocktails, try the Mateina: fair trade-certified Fair Quinoa vodka, yerba mate syrup, egg white and Herbsaint. **3706 36th St., www.mundonewyork.com**

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Foodie events

Yooeating?!

Two great tastes that you probably never thought to put together, Korean and Cuban, are the fusion theme of the second pop-up by Yooeating?! The cash-only dinner at Passengers Bar will feature Coreano Cubanos ($6), a spicier take on the traditional Cuban (with coffee-laced carnitas!) and "Post-Commie" Oxtail Soup ($6), among others.
Saturday, 6-10 p.m.
229 Roebling St.
www.yooeating.com

Hyderabad Food Festival

Try the dum pukht style of cooking unique to India's Awadhi region that was adopted by the royals of southern India. Upper West Side's Awadh is serving a multicourse menu à la carte or prix fixe (four courses/$65, five courses/$75).
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www.awadhnyc.com

Il Buco Alimentari

The restaurant is launching its cooking class series with a bread-baking session on Saturday, with ciabatta, shortbread and brioche all on the agenda. Make, then bake your loaves in the restaurant's ovens. The $75 per person price includes salumi, cheese and wine tastings, and a DIY bread kit.
Saturday, 3-6 p.m.
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On Your Radar. Stay a while at Porchlight

The Southern-style spot takes its cues from Blue Smoke. / PROVIDED

Porchlight, the first standalone bar in Danny Meyer's restaurant empire, takes its inspiration from the South — but it's less the grand verandas of Savannah and more the dirty South of Nashville. If you could turn Justin Timberlake's music into a bar, this would be it.

The space is a barn that's been crossed with an industrial loft, with exposed brick, steel columns a large bar made of reclaimed wood at the center of it all, and, yes, an actual porch, which will host musical and spoken-word acts. It tries to accommodate the many things that happen on Southern porches — and succeeds. There are banquettes, long tables, bar seating and a lounge area for whatever kind of canoodling y'all want to get up to, with a rec room to come in the back.

The cocktail menu is a "salute" to the drinking traditions south of the Mason-Dixon, with house-made fruit syrups, purees and even cola. Stay All Night is a surefire date-charmer of vodka, peach preserve and black tea. The Sherry Cobbler with orgeat syrup is not something your mom would serve, but your cool aunt might.

Bar bites will include fried frog legs, a bison burger and warm bourbon mixed nuts. **EK**

If you go

Porchlight

271 11th Ave.
Opens March 2; closed on Sundays
porchlightbar.com

Fish lovers, try this winter delicacy

The Dish.
Norwegian cod is not for fish sticks.

Skrei is cod, but with a firmer texture and slightly sweeter taste. MIKE COOPER PHOTOGRAPHY

BEN POLLINGER
ØRJAN BERTELSEN

Norwegian cod may be related to the kind you know and love as the foundation of fish and chips, but that's not how this seasonal fish will be served.

"Although it does work in that application, I don't think you want to put a batter on it," says chef David Seigal of Cull & Pistol. "You might mask some of the real nice flavor and texture of the fish."

Seigal, who knows skrei (pronounced "skray") from his time spent in European kitchens, is serving it pan roasted with a saffron and cara cara orange reduction. "It's just a real clean fish," he explains. "It's a fish that's taken really good care of from the time that it's caught to the time that we get it."

The fish is caught off the coast of Norway as it migrates from the Arctic beginning in January through March. The fish is caught sustainably on lines — in below-freezing temperatures with only half an hour of daylight.

Chef Ben Pollinger of Oceana actually visited Norway last year to fish for skrei before putting it on his menu this winter. "It was pretty wild," he says with a laugh.

But if serving skrei as fish and chips wouldn't do it justice, Pollinger also isn't serving it quite the way Norwegians do. The traditional dish skrei molje ("skrei boil") is made by poaching the filet and egg sack, which is served with boiled potatoes with a sauce made from the fish's liver. "It's great to have a traditional reference point, but the liver and the roe don't make their way here so much — they're valuable, particularly over there," he says.

Pollinger describes the texture of the fish as "a little bit firmer and flakier, and a little bit sweeter" than regular cod. He's serving it for the next month or so, wrapped in prosciutto and crisped up in the oven, with white beans and a tomato vinaigrette — "fresh, clean flavors."

If you go

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GAME

Escape the Room 'DIG'

Through March 8
Escape the Room NYC
22 Little West 12th
Free, digescapetheroom.com
The USA network is kicking off a new murder mystery series called "DIG" on March 5. To promote the show, why not lock a bunch of strangers in a room together and see if they can survive — er, escape. Pairing with Room Escape Adventures, USA is inviting the non-claustrophobic lot to RSVP for free 30-minute sessions where participants (up to 10) solve riddles and find clues in order to find the key that will let them out. Slots are filling up fast; the first challenge is how fast you can round up your friends and commit.

FOOD

Bronx Academy of Letters Chef's Tasting Benefit

March 4, 7-9:30 p.m.
Edison Ballroom
240 W. 47th St.
$125 and up, 501auctions.com /bronxletters
Sample some of the city's top dining establishments while supporting education and the arts with Urban Assembly. The ticket price isn't too steep if you consider that you'll be feasting on fare from Momofuku, The Spotted Pig, Baby Cakes, Montmartre, Flatiron Room and Le Bernadin all in one night. This year's event, "Food for Thought," honors publishers Reagan Arthur and Susan Kamil.

THEATER

Frigid Festival

Through March 8
Multiple venues and times
Prices vary, horsetrade.info
The people making the little, experimental plays of today are the people who'll be creating the big, world-changing theater of tomorrow. And Frigid Festival, now in its ninth year and produced by Horse Trade Theater Group, gives those artists a platform as they're starting out and exploring their voices. More importantly, all revenue generated from ticket sales goes directly to the participating companies.

FILM

NY International Children's Film Festival

Through March 22
Multiple cinemas and times
$8-$450, www.gkids.com
This weekend kicks off the 18th year for the monthlong fest, which focuses on creating smart and inspirational movies for children and teenagers. Along with 100 live-action, animated and experimental films, the festival includes workshops, galas, audience voting and Q&As.

ARTS

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The Art Show

March 4-8
Park Avenue Armory, 643 Park Ave.; $25, www.henrystreet.org
If you don't have time to browse all of the city's constantly changing art shows and galleries, you can make up for your fine cultural deficit in one day at The Art Show, where more than 72 dealers will display their collections. One of the longest-running art fairs in the U.S. — it was founded in 1989 — it originated (and continues) as a benefit for the Henry Street Settlement, which offers social services to Lower East Side residents. If you'd like a more intimate experience, there's a gala preview night March 3 with tickets priced at $175.

COMING UP

GETTY IMAGES

Ed Sheeran

May 31, 7:30 p.m.
Barclays Center, 620 Atlantic Ave.; $65-$85, www.barclayscenter.com
Singer-songwriter and U.K. darling Ed Sheeran will serenade Brooklyn with his smooth vocals May 31. Be among the first to snag tickets when they go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday. His opening acts and set list haven't been released yet, but we can assume he'll feature hits from 2014's "X," which was nominated this year for Best Pop Vocal Album and Album of the Year at the Grammys. Watch out for the rabid One Direction fans though; his work on their albums earns him tween affection by proxy.

THEATER

'The Rap Guide to Religion'

Through March 29
SoHo Playhouse, 15 Vandam St.; $45, www.sohoplayhouse.com
While you're waiting to see "Hamilton" this summer when it makes the move from the Public Theater to Broadway, you can get your dose of fast-paced, fact-based theater in "The Rap Guide to Religion," which has just been extended through March 29. Written and performed by Baba Brinkman, "Rap Guide" combines comedy, music and trivia about the highlights and flaws of faith, from ancient times through today.

RUDY MILLER

HISTORY

Black History at Green-Wood

Sat. 1-3 p.m.
Green-Wood Cemetery
500 25th St., Brooklyn
$20, www.green-wood.com
Close out Black History Month by learning about some of New York City's notable African-American residents. Board a trolley for a two-hour ride past the resting places of black luminaries and abolitionists while learning about the city's role in the civil rights movement. Sites visited and stories shared include those of Susan Smith McKinney Steward, the first African-American female doctor in the state, and Jeremiah Hamilton, New York's first black millionaire.

Lincoln Speaks

Through June 7
Morgan Library & Museum
225 Madison Ave.
$18, www.themorgan.org
This year marks the 150th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Take a look back at his legacy at Lincoln Speaks, an exhibition at the Morgan Museum & Library that examines the 11th president's commitment to liberating slaves and changing the course of civil rights in America through manuscripts, portraits, letters and books from Lincoln's own collection.

CULTURE

Persian Festival

March 1-22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Children's Museum of the Arts
103 Charlton St.
$11, www.cmany.org
For seven years, the Children's Museum of the Arts has used the months of January, February and March to highlight three new cultures. Coming up is a celebration of Persia as part of 2015's focus on Asia. General admission to the museum gets you access to the special festivities as well, which include music, dance, theater and storytelling from the featured community. The Asian American Alliance helps shape the programming and art-making workshops.

T. MICHELLE MURPHY

Horoscope

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20 You need a change of scenery to refresh and revitalize you. Get together with an old friend or visit local areas of interest. Resist the temptation to sit at home.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20 Give yourself a boost and put new events on your social calendar. Attending a variety of functions will help you meet new people.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21 If you are frustrated or uninspired with your current career, ask for advice. Don't let anxiety prevent you from taking an important step.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20 A purchase or a personal improvement will help build confidence and give you the additional pride required to reach your goals.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22 There will be discord amongst your peers. Don't do or say anything that could be used to discredit you, your superiors.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22 You can satisfy your yearning for change by becoming involved in a fundraising event. You will feel satisfied working toward a good cause.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take a closer look at your professional future. Some changes will need to be made in order to adjust your financial status.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't underestimate the benefits of networking with a variety of people. It will help you open the door to an important discussion.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Family members will be difficult. You can never be too careful when it comes to money. Going out on a limb for someone will lead to trouble.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A partnership will go through growing pains. Keep your expectations realistic. Diplomacy is necessary, along with give-and-take.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Peers or clients will be impressed if you use your positive attributes to prove that you are able to successfully tackle any task.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Plan an entertaining event. Spirited mental or physical challenges will help everyone loosen up and have fun.

EUGENIA LAST

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

Keystone won't create jobs

If constitutional procedure were followed, Congress would not be allowed to have the XL Keystone Pipeline's governmental review bypassed. That review is required. Their attempt to bypass it is not for the benefit of the American people. Only 25 permanent jobs will be created by the pipeline. The money is earmarked for Canada and China, not the U.S. A good chunk of it, however, will be going to two Americans: the Koch brothers. The pipeline will cause ecological havoc all along the way and benefit only the Koch brothers and 25 other people.

DANIEL CANTOR, VIA EMAIL

Min. wage for youth

While I support increasing minimum wage and tying those increases to inflation, I don't think the complaint that you can't support a family on minimum wage holds water. It is for teens on their first jobs, whose parents otherwise support them. It shouldn't be enough for an adult with spouse and child, even if both parents earn minimum: by then you should be worth more by virtue of your experience, learning and especially references since age 16.

J. ANDREW SMITH, VIA EMAIL

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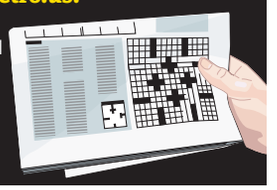

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6 Preserve (2 wds.)
11 Beads on grass
14 Charley horse
15 Dalai Lama's city
16 New Haven student
17 Rack up, as debt
18 Wallaroos
19 Iron pumper's pride
20 Nebraska hub
22 Sporty car
24 Tennis gear
28 Eating trough
29 Walrus hunters
30 Arched ceiling
32 Wine's partner
33 Primitive weapon
35 Cultivates
39 Goes on the stage
40 It may be black or blue
41 Funny Bombeck
42 Downtime
43 Thin-shelled nut
45 "Get real!" (2 wds.)
46 Saturate
48 Oval-nest builder
50 Nulls
53 More grim
54 Rectify
55 Suit material
57 Tea holder
58 Leave-taking
60 Sediment
65 Narrow inlet
66 Summer camp sites
67 Gauguin's prop
68 Sum total
69 Divers' finds
70 Comeback

Down

1 1101, to Brutus
2 Coffee dispenser
3 Natural resin
4 Ostrich cousin
5 Germinate
6 Kilt feature
7 Nope (hyph.)
8 Rhett's hangout
9 Club for GIs
10 French philosopher Blaise —
11 Remove glitches
12 Flee to the J.P.
13 More spacious
21 Jam or pickle
23 Broadcasting (3 wds.)
24 Speeder's undoing
25 Mrs. Kramden
26 Loose change
27 Wonder about
28 Tankard
30 Lombardi of coaching
31 "Diana" singer
34 Stead
36 Name meaning "bearlike"
37 Writer — Zola
38 Lower-risk
43 "NOVA" network
44 Observe
47 Citations
49 More embarrassed
50 Striped animal
51 Click "send"
52 Like a monarch
53 Kiddie-lit author
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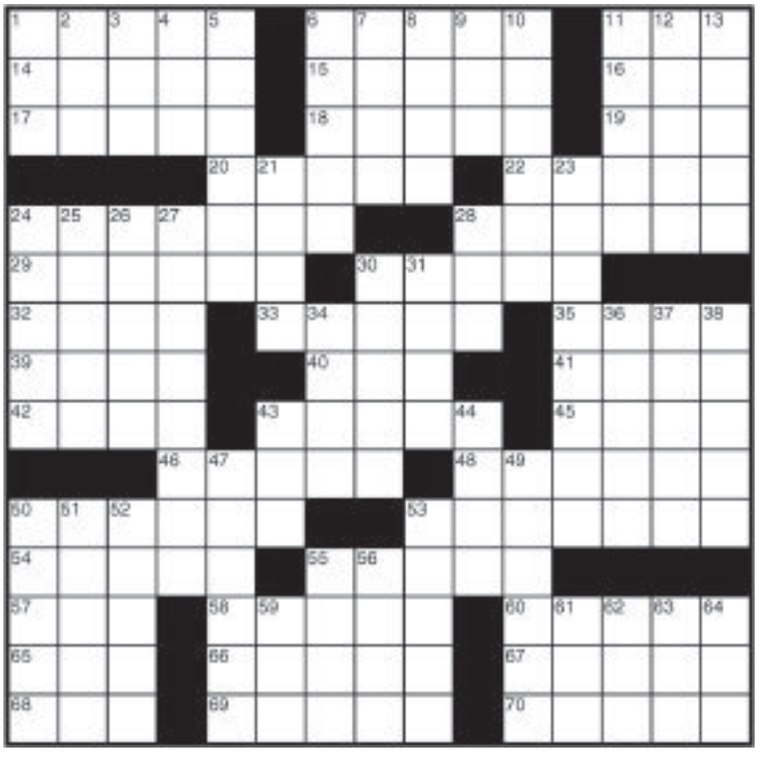

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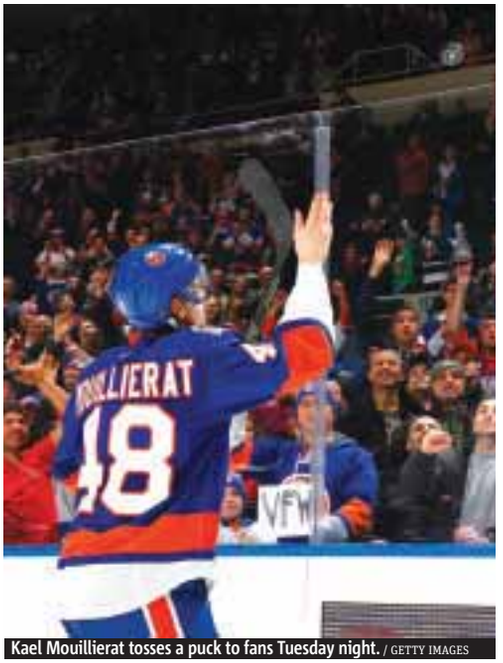
The Island will simply be puck bonkers this spring

NHL. The Islanders are a near lock for postseason play and should be buyers at the deadline.

John Tavares was holding court at his stall. It was the morning of Feb. 19, and the Islanders captain and his team had finished their morning skate at Nassau Coliseum, in preparation for that night's game with NHL-best Nashville.

Tavares was opining on any number of topics when he was asked about the upcoming NHL trade deadline, specifically the fact that the Islanders weren't going to be selling off pieces for draft picks and prospects.

"It means you're looking to get to the postseason," Tavares said. "And [you] certainly want to do some things when you get there. For us it's an exciting time of year, playing for playoff positioning. It's a race that you'd much rather be in."



Kael Mouillierat tosses a puck to fans Tuesday night. / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

32

Islanders goaltender Jaroslav Halak has netted 32 victories this season to go along with just 13 losses.

For a franchise that has typically found itself in the position of dealer instead of consumer, it is new ground that the Islanders find themselves staking.

The Islanders' 82 points are the fourth-most in the NHL, second-most in the Eastern Conference, and the most in the Metropolitan Division. They're averaging 1.31 points per game which, extrapolated over 82 games, works out to a 107.5 pace. According to the projections site Sportsclubstats.com, the Islanders have a 99.9 percent chance to qualify for the playoffs. A playoff berth would be the Isles' second in three years, and perhaps the organization's rebirth into a long-term Cup contender.

Under GM Garth Snow, the Islanders have focused on drafting and player development. Prior to this season, Snow added goaltenders Jaroslav Halak and Chad Johnson, defensemen Nick Leddy and Johnny Boychuk, and forwards Nikolai Kulemin and Mikhail Grabovski. All have contributed to the Islanders' success in 2014-15.

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NFL head coach power rankings | by Evan Macy and Matt Burke

No. 1

Bill Belichick

Line up 10 NFL fans and ask them to describe Belichick in one word. Nine will say, "cheat." Then ask them if they could have any coach in the NFL, who would they choose? The Hoodie in a landslide. *(Matt Burke, Metro sports editor)* Belichick is a freak. As an Eagles fan I hate him for "Spygate," but as a football fan there's no denying he's just plain brilliant. He's probably No. 1 with or without Malcolm Butler. *(Evan Macy, Metro Philadelphia sports editor)*

No. 2

John Harbaugh

Harbaugh has a better postseason win percentage (10-6, .667) than he does in the regular season (643.) He has a Super Bowl title and his coaching tree includes five other coaches on this list. *(EM)*

No. 3

Bruce Arians

The 2014 NFL coach of the year has to have pretty high stock *(EM)*. This is where Evan and I begin to differ. The man's lifetime postseason record is an unflattering 0-1. Did you know "Arians" is German for "Mornhinweg?" *(MB)*

No. 4

Pete Carroll

He's a fantastic coach who has created a defensive juggernaut of historic significance with the Seahawks, but he made the single worst play call in the history of sports. *(EM)*

No. 5

Mike McCarthy

It's easy to look good when you've got Aaron Rodgers. Not-so-fun fact: The year before he got the Packers job, he was the OC for the 49ers and that year's San Fran team finished dead last in points and yards gained. *(MB)*

No. 6

Mike Tomlin

The list of Steelers head coaches since 1969 only contains three names — Chuck Noll, Bill Cowher and Tomlin. He's won a Super Bowl title and Coach of the Year honors during his tenure. *(EM)*

No. 7

Chuck Pagano

At just age 54, Pagano has made 12 stops as a college and professional football coach. As the headmaster in Indy, he's led the Colts to three straight 11-5 seasons and has advanced further in the playoffs each year. *(EM)*

No. 8

Chip Kelly

This isn't just a homer pick — Kelly is changing football. His high-paced offense may have some dissenters, but it's the future of the NFL. *(EM)* I'm on board with Evan. But don't forget about their three December losses! *(MB)*

No. 9

Ron Rivera

He followed up a 12-win season in 2013 (and Coach of the Year honors) by taking the 6-8 Panthers to the postseason where they actually won a game. *(EM)*

No. 10

Sean Payton

It seems as though Payton has been in New Orleans forever. It's actually since 2006, but that's great tenure in the NFL. Things are starting to go South here — the reason the former Super Bowl winner is only at No. 10. *(MB)*

No. 11

John Fox

John Elway bought him a bunch of shiny new toys in Denver and Fox broke nearly all of them. But never forget: This man won a playoff game with Tim Tebow at QB. *(MB)*

No. 12

Jim Caldwell

So far, so good for Caldwell in Detroit. He was the quarterbacks coach for the Colts when they won it all in 2006 and he was the OC with the Ravens in 2013 when they claimed glory. *(MB)*

No. 13

Jason Garrett

Jerry Jones isn't a patient man. Chan Gailey was gone after 32 games. Dave Campo, done after 48. Wade Phillips, out after 56. Garrett has now coached 72 Cowboys games. At the very least, he has staying power. *(MB)*

No. 14

Tom Coughlin

This is a tough call. He's won two Super Bowls — something few have ever done. But he's had New York mired in second or third place for three straight seasons. *(EM)*

No. 15

Bill O'Brien

It's been a good start for O'Brien in Houston. He's an offensive guy, but he allowed J.J. Watt to have the best defensive season by a player, maybe ever, this past season. His stock is certainly on the rise. *(MB)*

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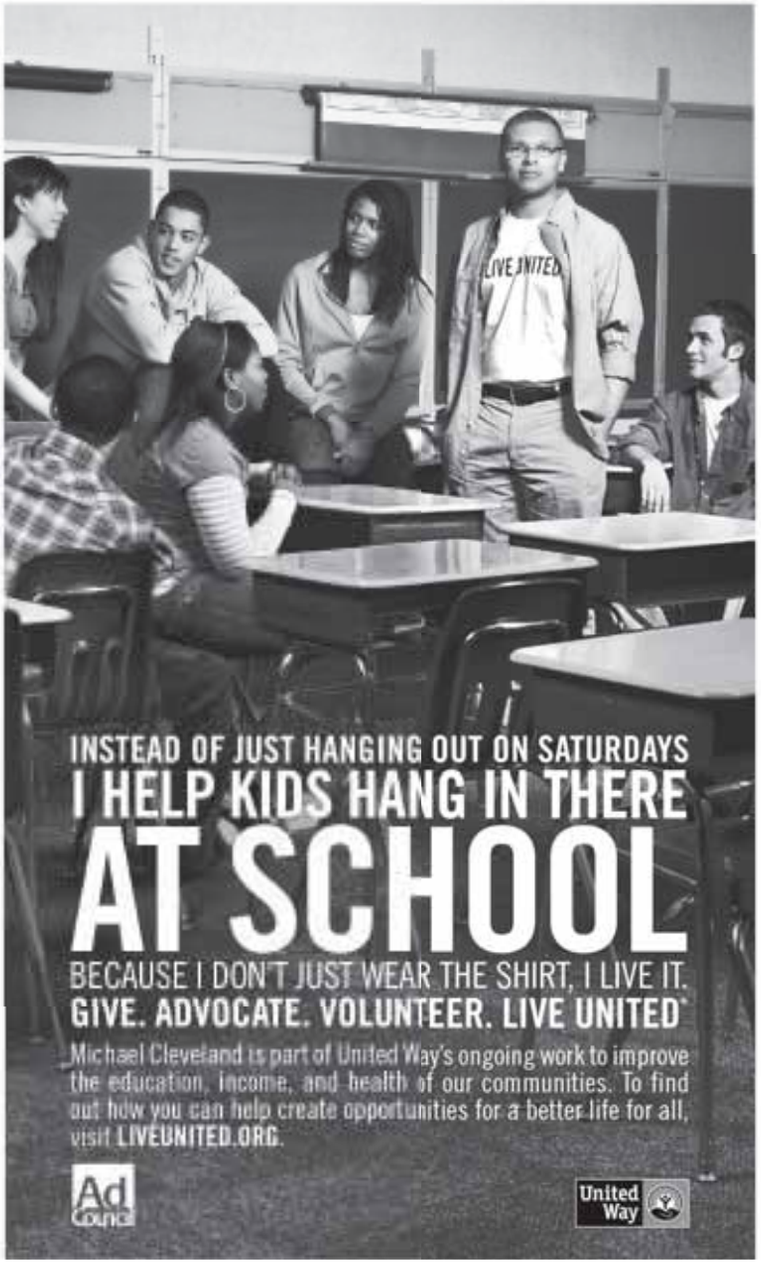
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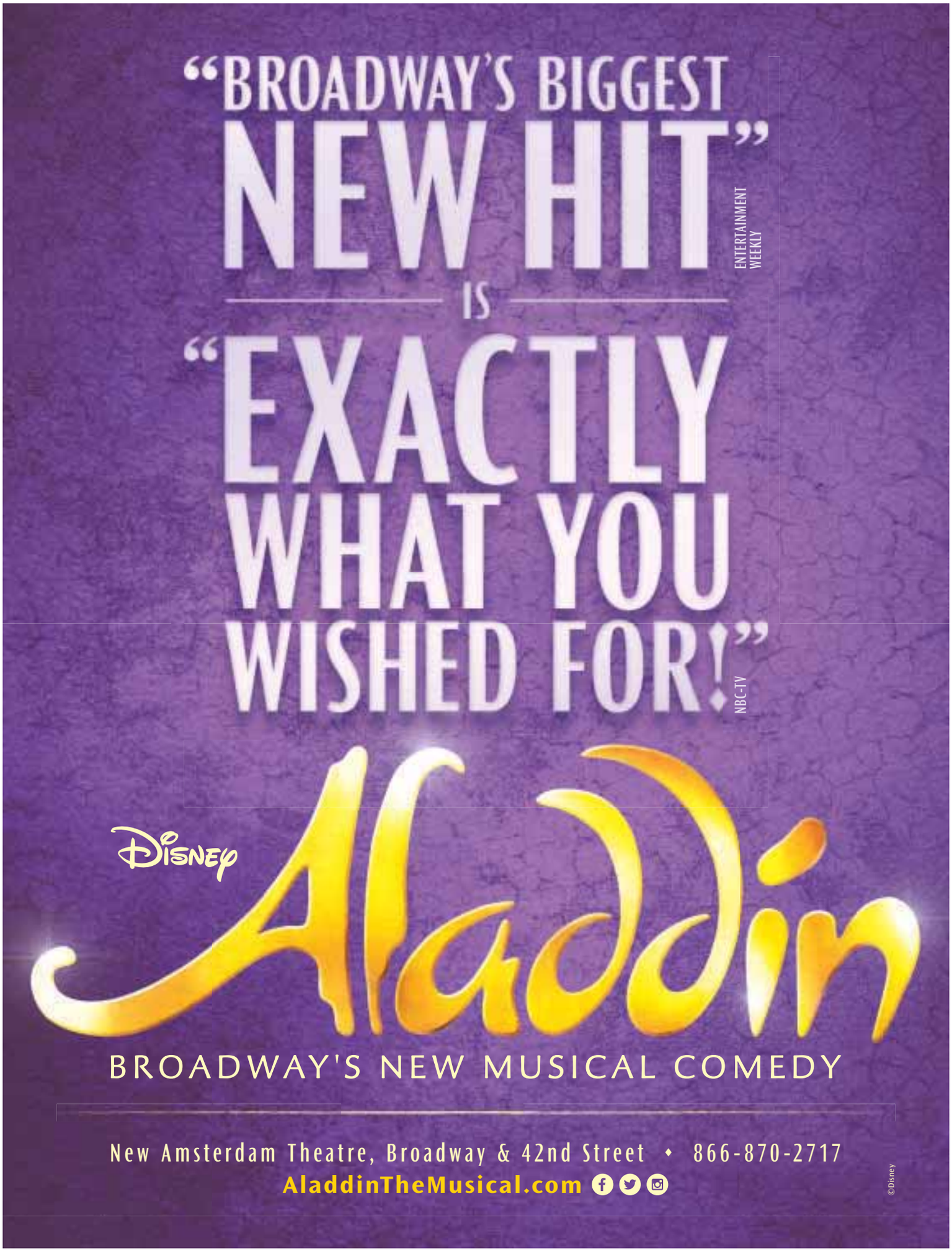
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